Dr S Morton Esq.

Dear Sir

A long time has elapsed since I, then a stranger on this side of the Atlantic, received so much kindness from you, which I promised to return by communicating to you the geological and other observations which I hoped to be able to make in the far West. I never forgot, but always delayed fulfilling this promise, believing my investigations too unimportant and not being able to write your language sufficiently well. But you put me under new obligations by sending me your interesting work on the Organic remains of the Cretaceous Group of the United States. Though Dr Brown, for whom ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ W. Conyby could not further the new Work; you ~~have under~~ are publishing now, the Cuvier Amsinanorum, but Dr Brown's letter suggesting this idea found me not before I had left Arkansaw, where I ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ on a geological and mineralogical expedition. The only thing therefore that might be somewhat new to you is a collection of geological specimens ~~of Mahoning~~ I wish I present through you to the Academy of Natural Sciences. It is only to day that I heard of the sudden departure of my friend Mr Th. Kraft to the East who offered me to ~~be the bearer of the~~ charge himself with this small box, or I would have made a more complete collection for your Academy. At some other time I shall be able to send you more geological specimens, and a collection of ~~plants~~ western & southwestern plants, as botany is that ~~study of~~ part of Natural History which I cherish most. Individual exertions have now ~~got~~ an additional stimulus by the formation of the Western Academy of Natural Sciences, of which no doubt Dr Brown has told you I am myself more than ever devoted to the study of Nature and so I hope to be able to contribute in future more to your collections as well as perhaps to your Journal.

Excuse the haste and the imperfect composition of this and believe me

Dear Sir,

Your most obt & hble

G Engelmann M.D.

To Dr S.G. Morton
Philadelphia

1837
July 28

x. N 8. dasselbe mit Cornyhlein

x N. 6a. Königsfarbige Dachziegel

x N. 9. dasselbe — 1 Pfund

+ 4. Chromsaures, magnesia

+ 5 Schwefelsaures — Zinkoxyd

+ 6. N. 26 Chromsaures Chinin mit der Abzugsröhre

+ 7. Grüner Abzugsrohr — 1 Röhre

x N. 6 Bit = Dinte

+ 9. N. 22 Grünspan — Grünwerkstoff eingedickt

+ 10 Bronzit 1 J. Fourche

+ 11. N. 15. großkörnig zerbröckelt Grünspan

+ 12 N. 2. Kupfer in Kupferne Capseln 1 J. Fourche

x N. 5. Bihin Dachziegel

+ 16 N. 24 Zinnober ordinaire der Pfund

+ 17 Weißer Königsmost der Pfund Rock

+ 18. N. 36 glänzend Grünspan

+ 19 N. 38. hellblaue großkörnige Grünspan

Grünwerkstoff Blue Rock

x Kreide

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22 – 24 Grubekalk 1 Fuß Röhre etc

25 Thon aus d. Wiesengelände

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